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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideaki HAYASHI, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

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EXAMINER:

FOR: APPARATUS MANAGEMENT METHOD, APPARATUS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND APPARATUS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PRODUCT

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

#### REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

#### RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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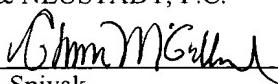
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AW on Form PTO-1449:**

The function of groupware is utilized and it realized. MOPS, in a maintenance record database and old maintenance record are contained. It is possible to search according to contents of failure, according to equipment, and by according to parts etc.

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